

# Thaw Case All Ended Except the Final Arguments

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### International Marriages are Denounced in Congress

Warmer to-night, snow; rain or snow Wednesday.

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## AMERICAN WOMEN SOLD FOR TITLES, HE TELLS CONGRESS

### Representative McGavin, of Illinois, in a Speech to the House Declares Heiresses Go to Soiled and Frayed Nobility.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—International marriages of American heiresses to titled foreigners was denounced on the floor of the House of Representatives to-day by Mr. McGavin, of Illinois, who spoke on the bill of his colleague, Mr. Sabath, to tax all dowries and titled husbands.

McGavin's remarks were made under the license of general debate. At times they provoked laughter and applause on both sides of the chamber.

The House, said McGavin, was in committee of the whole on the state of the Union, but he wanted to know what the state of the Union was and what it was coming to. In view of these international unions between American heiresses and alleged nobility abroad, he wondered what the early pioneers would think and say if from their graves they could look back and see so many of the women of this country "sacrificing their souls and honor upon the altar of snobbish and vain."

He expressly stated that he had reference to no particular American, but nor had he prophesied against all titled men, but the referred "only to those who have a monopoly on their eyes and an idiotic look upon their faces, those who have neither the disposition to do good nor the ability to do harm."

### Dukes Not on Tariff List.

Mr. McGavin said that his curiosity had been aroused to know the right committee to which a bill should have gone, but he found that it properly had gone to the Committee on Ways and Means because it sought to levy a tax. And then he said he was curious to know whether the present tariff schedule included dukes, earls, lords and counts, and finding that these things were nowhere mentioned, I thought it might be proper for the Customs officers to classify them like frogs legs—as poultry—for it is the general opinion

## Szechenyis in Hiding Keep Public Guessing.

Only a very few of the intimate friends and immediate relatives of the Count and Countess Szechenyi is it known where the happy couple are spending their honeymoon. To all eyes the whereabouts of the ducal couple is a profound mystery. They go North, they go South, but they will not tell. It is a clever ruse he wished the bride and bridegroom from under the eyes of a curious public and vanished with them in a puff of gasoline smoke. Did they go South? Nobody in the South has learned of their honeymoon. They did not go to Newport. They did not go to Harry Payne Whitney's farm in Westbury, L. I.

### Newport on the Watch.

Newport got itself up in glad regalia to-day and marched down to the steamboat landing, confident of getting a glimpse of the Count and Countess Szechenyi. Inspired dispatches had sent word that the \$120,000 bride and the Hungarian nobleman would spend the first blissful hours of their honeymoon at one of the Vanderbilt farms outside of Newport or at "The Breakers." Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt's marble mansion in Bellevue avenue.

But hours passed and the bridal couple came not. Neither by train, boat nor automobile did they slip into Reginald Vanderbilt's Stony Point farm at Portsmouth or Alfred Vanderbilt's Oakland farm, nor was there any stir or pother of preparation in "The Breakers."

### Not Expected There.

Down at Westbury, L. I., where Harry Payne Whitney, a brother-in-law of the Countess, has a fine villa, there was no fuss or feathers, no thrilling anticipation or waiting throngs along the highways. The farmers milked the cows with their usual even pulses, and down at the post office the bagmen carried their parcels of sugar from under the storkkeeper's eyes.

Never was it more quiet at Westbury until the morning papers arrived. Then there was a stir. The papers hinted at the honeymoon of the famous pair be-

# TESTIMONY ALL IN; BOTH SIDES REST IN THAW TRIAL

## BOY TORTURED AND BACK BROKEN IN REFORMATORY

### Chained Up by Wrists, Choked with Water and Left Paralyzed in Cell.

PONTIAC, Ill., Jan. 28.—Members of the Board of Managers of the Illinois State Reformatory in this city, at a session that lasted almost throughout last night, heard stories from the lips of officers of the institution themselves of brutality and torture inflicted upon William Hamlin, an inmate, whose death and the conflicting explanations thereof has raised a storm of criticism.

The original story that the board convened to inquire into that Hamlin was beaten and kicked into a condition that resulted in his death has as yet received no confirmation other than the boy's ante-mortem statement to his mother. But though hesitating to explain that they did not beat, the disciplinary officers of the institution admit that they administered punishment outside which a beating would have been child's play. More sensational testimony was heard to-day.

The chief developments were the admissions from officers of the institution that young Hamlin was chained up to the bars of the "solitary," his wrists held by handcuffs to a point over with the top of his head, for twenty-two hours the first day of his punishment, for sixteen hours the second day, and that the third evening he was tied up in a similar position for four hours, and after he had revived from a faint he either tried to commit suicide or escape.

Being chained up again, he climbed up the bars of his cell, probably while in a delirium. He fainted the first day of his torture and the third night, and for long periods during those fainting spells he hung by his wrists, suspended from a bar of his cell, his legs too limp to support his weight.

The "cold water cure" was applied, quart after quart of ice water being thrown over him to make him "quit shamming," and once it was poured down his throat until he choked.

After he was injured he was left lying on the concrete floor of the "solitary," with only a blanket under him and another over him, his back broken in three places and his body paralyzed, all but the arms, for twelve hours before the reformatory physician was called.

### ORDER IN ADVANCE.

Numerous complaints have been received from readers who could not get the Sunday World on stands after 9 A. M. last Sunday. A rearrangement of delivery for all New York Sunday newspapers has been adopted. Until the new system is perfected it is advisable to order your dealer in advance. It will enable him to regulate his order and will insure your getting a Sunday World.

## STORY OF A RAID BROUGHT OUT BY PERSCH'S SUIT

### Consolidator of Breweries Says He Caught Wife in Rohl's Apartments.

Leo R. Brilles in the Supreme Court to-day asked Justice Leventritt for an order directing John P. Persch, millionaire promoter and consolidator of breweries, to pay \$200 weekly alimony to H. Gretchen Persch, against whom he has brought a second suit for absolute divorce. He also asked for \$200,000 fee for her counsel, House, Grossman & Vornhaus.

Mr. Persch charges that last June, when he got home from business, his wife had left. He asserts that as the result of a raid upon the apartments of Frederick R. Rohl, at No. 128 East Thirty-fourth street, in September, he learned she had transferred her affections to Mr. Rohl, who is also a millionaire and has offices at No. 12 Broadway.

Mr. Brilles, reciting from the affidavit of Mrs. Persch, said that the couple was married shortly after Mrs. Flora Loomis Persch had secured a decree of absolute divorce from John P. Persch. He declared that Persch had once before sued his second wife for absolute divorce, but withdrew the suit and was forgiven, only to break out in the second suit. Mrs. Persch denied all his charges.

### Calls Charges Reckless.

"These charges," she says, "are made recklessly and without evidence to support them. His object being to obtain his freedom from me. I am informed that he and several policemen and detectives raided the apartments of Mr. Rohl and claimed that I was there. Of course they were unable to find me in Mr. Rohl's apartments, as I was not there, and his charges are absolutely false, as I shall be able to prove on the trial."

Then Mrs. Persch recites that her husband is engaged in the occupation of consolidating breweries, that he obtains large profits. In one case his profit was \$50,000 and in another \$100,000, while he obtained \$200,000 for effecting a consolidation of the Cleveland and Sandusky Brewing Company.

She says they paid \$150 a year for an apartment in the Nevada, that she had two maids, \$10 a week for household expenses and from \$50 to \$100 a month for pin money. Altogether they lived at the rate of \$15,000 a year, and she wants alimony in keeping with their mode of life.

In addition to all this," she says, "he pays \$20 weekly for house to his former wife and has spent hundreds of dollars for furs and costly clothing as gifts to her and his daughter. I have been accustomed to live in luxury and my husband can afford to pay me \$200 weekly alimony. I am ill and nervous breakdown, and helpless and in debt for medical attendance."

### Rohl Makes Denial.

Frederick R. Rohl, who now lives at No. 304 West Ninety-ninth street, denies all Persch's charges against him and says the raiding detectives and policemen apologized to him and said they had found no evidence of wrongdoing. "These charges are infamous and outrageous," declares Rohl.

Mrs. Persch has filed an amended answer to her husband's suit, making counter charges and asking for a decree of absolute divorce, charging that her husband has returned to his old love, and is in flirtation with his former wife, Flora Louise Persch.

To all this Maurice Meyer, counsel for John P. Persch, came back with a story told in affidavits which discounts that of his present wife.

## PRANKY BREEZES BRING SHOCKS TO CITY FATHER

### What Alderman Mulcahy Sees at Uptown Subway Stations Too Much for Him.

The Board of Aldermen, having at a recent session legislated upon the proprieties of certain ladies to smoke cigarettes, took up to-day the question of ladies showing their er-persistencies, so to speak, in the Subway elevators at the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth and One Hundred and Eighty-first street stations.

All of which has attracted the notice of Alderman Mulcahy. He lives up that way and uses those elevators and the stairways surrounding the elevators and such sights as he sees—with the aid of the wind, of course.

"Why those winds coming up those elevator shafts," declared Alderman Mulcahy at the session of the board this afternoon, "pick up ladies' dresses like they were made of feathers and cause a shocking display. I want those winds damped."

After which Alderman Mulcahy explained that it was his desire to have the winds tempered. If the winds are tempered to the shorn lamb, he declared, it ought to be within the power of the Public Service Commission to temper the winds to the er-ladies of Washington Heights. Otherwise, the ladies may be forced to wear lead pads around the bottoms of their skirts and thighs.

Alderman Mulcahy says his slogan is, "Keep down the skirts on Washington Heights." Alderman Sullivan suggested that the matter be referred to Gov. Hughes, but it was finally decided to ask the Public Service Commission to take some action in the matter.

## TO RESTRICT SALE OF CIGARETTES.

Alderman Velton says that cigarette smoking is a pernicious habit. He introduced a resolution at the meeting of the board to-day making it illegal for any dealer to sell, give away or dispose of cigarettes to any person under sixteen years old.

### BROODING, HE TRIED TO CHOP OFF HIS RIGHT HAND.

(Special to The Evening World.) PORTVILLET, N. Y., Jan. 28.—Following the old Biblical admonition, "If thy right hand offend thee cut it off," Rainford Ferris, a resident of this place, yesterday went into his cellar and nearly severed his right hand at the wrist by laying it on a clock and striking it with a hatchet. He is now in the hospital.

Several years ago Ferris had an altercation with his father, and struck him with his fist. He was afterwards seized with remorse and began brooding and reading the Bible. Several times he has attempted to do bodily harm to himself, but has been restrained by his family. Physicians who have examined him say that he is suffering from religious mania.

### BARGE HAMMOND IS SAFE.

The Pennsylvania and Reading barge Hammond, supposed to have broken apart from a Pennsylvania and Reading tug during the late ice season, was reported off the Highlands today.

On ENAMELLED UTENSILS, if the label reads STANLEY, it is genuine.

## CANADIAN RACING IS ENDANGERED BY FORT ERIE

### Legislation May Be Enacted Curtailing Sport on Border Tracks.

(Special to The Evening World.)

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 28.—Word was received here to-day that very likely there will be some legislation introduced in Canada in the Canadian Legislature next month which will curtail racing on the Northern circuit. The announcement that Cella, Condon, Stuart and Madison interests, which bought the Fort Erie track and have announced a long season of racing at the track across the Buffalo, has antagonized those who are in the other Canadian courses, especially Windsor, and a bill in the probabilities will be presented so as to give everybody at least equal dates, with no opposition. This would mean a season of not over fifteen days on each track, unless the new owners of the Fort Erie plant agree to form a circuit in the Northern country, with no clashes of Japs.

With the announced retirement from the turf of the spectacular plunger, John J. Ryan, came the sale in his paddock this afternoon of all of his horses except Only H, which he bought. The latter he took out of a selling race from P. M. C. and sold to Dr. McClellan. The latter sold to Dr. Britton for \$14,000. John Hamilton got \$800. Miss Ferris went to Hartley & Vitale for \$500 and Miford was sold at private terms to W. H. Fizer.

There were very few scratches from the card of seven races, which left the closing very precarious for the big holiday crowd, this being the last day in Louisiana. The feature event was a mile and one-sixteenth and it brought out one of the best fields which has been seen at the meeting. Carthage, Tokalon, Juggler, Old Honesty and other good performers being among the entries. The track was fast and the weather threatening.

FIRST RACE—Purse \$400; two-year-olds, three furlongs.—Fate 10 (Notter), 9 to 5, 4 to 3 and 1 to 3.1, by two lengths. Little John 11, 6 to 5, 3 to 1 and 1 to 2. And even, 2, Constance, 10 (S. Held), 7 to 1, 5 to 2 and 6 to 5.3. Time—1:25.5. Swiftly, Borage, Nellie Free, Gardalene, Merv M. and Canada also ran.

SECOND RACE—Purse \$400; stephens, four-year-olds and upward, three furlongs.—Fate 10 (Notter), 9 to 5, 4 to 3 and 1 to 3.1, by two lengths. Little John 11, 6 to 5, 3 to 1 and 1 to 2. And even, 2, Constance, 10 (S. Held), 7 to 1, 5 to 2 and 6 to 5.3. Time—1:25.5. Swiftly, Borage, Nellie Free, Gardalene, Merv M. and Canada also ran.

THIRD RACE—Purse \$400; three-year-olds and up, six furlongs.—Jim 10, 10 to 1, 6 to 1 and 3 to 1. Morning Light 11, 10 to 1, 6 to 1 and 3 to 1. Time—1:45.5. Edith M. Profane, The Compressor, Maud Millant, Rose Marion, Little Voice, Lightburn, Earl, Top McVeer, Royal Bond, Marsh Reion and Game Bird also ran.

FOURTH RACE—Purse \$400; handicaps, three-year-olds and up, five furlongs.—Carthage, 10 (Notter), 16 to 5, 8 to 1 and 3 to 1, by half a length. Juggler, 13 (McDaniel), 11 to 1, 6 to 1 and 3 to 1. Time—1:45.5. Edith M. Profane, The Compressor, Maud Millant, Rose Marion, Little Voice, Lightburn, Earl, Top McVeer, Royal Bond, Marsh Reion and Game Bird also ran.

### CARDINAL GIBBONS GUEST OF GOV. GUILD.

BOSTON, Jan. 28.—Gov. Curtis Guild entertained Cardinal Gibbons, of Baltimore, at luncheon to-day. During the forenoon the distinguished Roman Catholic prelate celebrated mass in the little house chapel of the parochial residence on Union Park street, and later was for his book's walk through the South End and Back Bay districts, accompanied by Vicar-General Patterson.

Tomorrow the Cardinal will represent Pope Pius X. in the presentation to Archbishop William H. O'Connell, of the Boston diocese, of the pallium, the official insignia of the archiepiscopal office.

FOR FIFTY YEARS—FATHER JOHN'S medicine has been curing cures.

## Slayer of Stanford White to Learn His Fate After Counsel Consume Two Days in Their Final Argument.

## HUMMEL'S TESTIMONY AND THAW'S WILL GET IN.

### Ex-Lawyer's Story, Told Last Year, Assails Evelyn Thaw, and Her Affidavit Charges Prisoner with Repeated Violence While in Europe.

By Friday at the latest Harry Thaw should know his fate.

In the opinion of the great majority of those who have been following the events of the second trial, that fate is certain to be a lunatic asylum, for even if the jury should find him not guilty of the murder of Stanford White, it is believed that Justice Dowling, either on his own initiative or on the application of the District-Attorney, will order the young millionaire to be confined as a maniac pending further inquiry into the prisoner's sanity.

Both sides rested their cases this afternoon, after the prosecution had got to the jury Abe Hummel's famous affidavit, which figured so extensively in the first trial, and after the defense had introduced in evidence Harry Thaw's erratic will as further proof of his insanity at the time of his marriage.

Mr. Jerome introduced no alienists to controvert the testimony of the three experts for the other side, who swore yesterday that Thaw was crazy on the night of June 25, 1906.

From this it was evident that Jerome, believing as he does believe, that Thaw is a lunatic, was content to let the jury judge on the strength of the testimony of the defense whether or not he had a sense of responsibility in the legal understanding of the term on the night when he shot the architect.

Mr. Littleton will sum up all day to-morrow. Mr. Jerome will follow with his final argument on Thursday morning, and the jury will take the case either Thursday afternoon or Friday morning.

The entire trial to date has consumed less than seventeen court days, five of which were spent in getting a jury. The first trial lasted nearly three times as long.

Stephen Lindsay, treasurer of the American Real Estate Company, at No. 527 Fifth avenue, was the State's first witness in rebuttal. He testified that he was at the trial.

Mr. Lindsay attended the performance on Madison Square Roof the night White was slain. Mr. Lindsay was with him, and they sat at a table on the Twenty-sixth street side.

"Mr. White sat to the right of me," said Mr. Lindsay, in answer to questions put by Mr. Garvan. "I was about twenty feet from Mr. White. I was watching the stage when I was startled by a flash. I turned and saw two more shots fired. There was a perceptible lapse of time between the first shot and the last two.

"After shooting White, Thaw backed away two or three feet and raised his revolver in the air. I got up with my wife, fearing a panic. I did not hear Thaw say anything."

Mr. Lindsay stood up and enacted the killing in a spirited pantomime.

Q. Did the defendant's acts impress you as being rational or irrational? A. Rational.

Mr. Littleton objected, and was overruled. There was no cross-examination.

### Also Saw the Shooting.

Meyer Cohen, the music publisher, who also testified at the first trial, said he was on the roof the night of the murder.

"I first saw Thaw as he got out of his seat," said Mr. Cohen. "He walked to the rear and stood in front of me. He made a few remarks, but I didn't pay any attention to him and walked away."

"I saw Thaw walk to the entrance. He turned aside, fired three shots, one, two, three—held a pistol up in the air, and walked to the entrance."

Q. Was his conduct rational or irrational? A. Rational.

"Do you know William Proctor?" asked Littleton, on cross-examination. "No," the witness replied.